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INFO AMCONSUL BORDEAUX

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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: THE MECHANICS

(II)

REF: PARIS TELEGRAM 7279

1. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS (PROBABLY ON MONDAY, APRIL 8) GOF WILL ANNOUNCE DATES OF THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THE TWO ROUNDS OF BALLOTING ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE EITHER ON APRIL 28 AND MAY 12, OR ON MAY 5 AND MAY 19. WE SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF ANY CANDIDATE GAINING AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY ON THE FIRST ROUND.

2. IF THE FIRST ROUND IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28, THE DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTING THE CANDIDATES' REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION ON THE BALLOT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE APRIL 9 AT MIDNIGHT. THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN WILL

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OPEN APRIL 12 WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL

JOURNAL OF THE LIST OF CANDIDATES ESTABLISHED BY THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL. APRIL 26 WILL MARK THE END OF  
THE FIRST-ROUND CAMPAIGN.

3. IF THE FIRST ROUND IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5, THE DEAD-  
LINE FOR TRANSMISSION OF THE CANDIDATES' REQUESTS WILL  
BE APRIL 16 AT MIDNIGHT. THE FIRST-ROUND CAMPAIGN WILL  
OPEN APRIL 19, AND WILL CLOSE MAY 3.

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